

knowing^ we construct, with our
 minds, this hymn,
 "as (a workman makes) a car. Happy is
 our understanding, when engaged in Ms adoration.
 Let us not
 suffer injury, AGKI, through thy
 friendship,*

2. He for whom thou sacrificest
 accomplishes
 (his objects), abides free from
 aggression, and en-
 joys (wealth, the source of) strength:
 he prospers;
 and pOTerty neyer approaches him. Let
 us not suffer
 injury, AGNI, through thy friendship.

3. May we be able to kindle thee.
 Perfect the
 rite; for, through thee, the gods
 partake of the
 offered oblations. Bring hither the
 ABiTYAs;¹⁵ for
 we loTe them. Let us not suffer
 injury, Ae>^{Ti},
 through thy friendship*

4. We bring fuel, we offer oblations₃
 reminding
 thee of -the suceessiTe seasons (of
 worship)* Do
 thou thoroughly complete the rite,
 in order to
 prolong our lives. Let us 'not suffer
 injury, Aaxi,
 through'thy friendship.

5. His-genial (flames), the preservers
 of man-
 kind, spread around; and both" bipeds
 and qnadra-
 peds are enlivened'by Ms rays. Shining
 with various
 lustre, and illuminating (the world by
 night), thou

art superior to the dawn. Let us not, AGNI,
suffer
injury, through thy friendship.

^a This last clause is the burden of **all** the
stanzas except the
concluding two: **SaEhy*** *ma rishdmd vayam*
taea,—May we not
"be injured in, or "by, thy friendship j that is,
according to the
Scholiast, Bo thom preserve us. •
*> The sons of **Aditi', that** is,